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**TYRE FOR VEHICLE WHEELS WITH TREAD**  
**BAND OF CAP AND BASE CONSTRUCTION**

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1. European Patent Publication No. EP 0 242 840 A1 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 22 of the specification of the present application. This document corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,895,692.


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